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Bengaluru has used only tiny fraction of National Clean Air Program funds and the result is: Particulate matter in city's air on the rise since 2020

IT IS UNFAIR TREATMENT

Traffic snarls and high emission levels play havoc with city's air

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In January 2019, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) launched the National Clean Air Program (NCAP). The idea was to improve air quality by reducing particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) concentration in cities by 20 to 30%, taking 2017 as the base year.

In 2022, this target was revised to a 40% reduction in PM concentration.

However, the air quality data from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) shows that PM10 and PM2.5 levels in Bengaluru have been on the rise since 2020.

For instance, the Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMs) at Nisarga Bhavan in Saneguruvanahalli recorded the monthly average concentration of PM10 at 51.7 in April 2020; it has gone up to 57.4 in April this year. The concentrations of PM10 and PM2.5 at Hebbal have also gone up by 31 and 7

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> "Until we reform the transportation sector by taking measures such as phasing out diesel-based vehicles and addressing emissions from heavy freight transport, levels of particulate matter in the environment will remain high" — R Subramanian, CSTEP

JUNE'S RAINY TUNE

Rainfall predicted in city for few more days as several roads get waterlogged on Saturday

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SINKING FEELING

Roads asphalted just two months ago have developed sinkholes raising questions on quality

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Theatrical watch

Experience the magical unison of Girish Karnad's writing, BV Karanth's music, and Neelam Man Singh's direction in this theatrical masterpiece, "Hayavadana," a play that combines myth and folk tale, song and speech, humour and pathos, love and jealousy, hope and despair. Using traditional Indian theatre techniques such as masks and a sutradhar (narrator), the play examines modern questions of identity and self-hood. **Where: Ranga Shankara; When: June 2**

02 Shoppers' delight

Now that the academic year has just commenced, a 'one-stop-shopping' of artefacts and handicrafts titled "Bengaluru Utsava" invites the youth to explore the mela. Artisans from different parts of the country have displayed their intricately made art. With imitation jewellery from Hyderabad, hand-made artefacts, kurtas and pyjamas, lehengas, half-sarees, and much more available under one roof, the collection is a feast for the eyes. **Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath When: Until June 9**

03 Mehendi art

Unlock your creative potential as you step into the world of intricate designs and cultural beauty with "Mehendi Art Workshop" and get hands-on experience dedicated to the traditional art form of henna. Whether you're a beginner with a budding interest or someone looking to refine their mehendi skills, this workshop is designed to immerse you in the rich history, techniques, and applications of mehendi art. **Where: Small World, Koramangala When: June 2 to July 1**

Ceremonial passing out parade held for graduates

A ceremonial Passing Out Parade for the 212/23T Permanent Commission and Short Service Commission 102 Aeronautical Engineering Course took place at the Air Force Technical College in Bengaluru on Saturday, marking the successful completion of 74 weeks of rigorous training for a total of 60 engineering officers, including 20 women officers. Air Marshal SP Dharkar, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF), presented trophies and medallions to officers who excelled in the course. The parade featured a stunning flypast and a skydiving demonstration by the 'Air Devils' team of the IAF, while the 'Air Warrior Drill Team' displayed their skills.

Move to boost revenue: Namma Metro to wrap trains with ads

BMRCL owns 57 six-coach train sets that currently operate on the Purple and Green lines

Tender for ad-wrap to be floated soon; train windows will remain ad-free: BMRCL

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has made a decision to wrap its trains with advertisements in order to generate non-fare revenue. At present, only one train from the fleet has been wrapped with slogans and photographs highlighting the freedom struggle. The non-commercial wrapping was carried out in a span of 10 days at the cost of Rs 8.5 lakh as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav programme to mark 75 years of independence in March 2022.

While metro corporations across other Indian cities have already implemented the decision in order to generate additional revenue, the BMRCL, which began operations in 2011, had opted out of doing so to maintain the original aesthetic of the trains. The Delhi metro has been allowing the wrapping of trains since 2014, while the Hyderabad metro had given rights to wrap the trains even prior to the commencement of metro operations in the city.

BMRCL owns 57 six-coach train sets that currently operate on the two (Purple and Green) lines. A tender is soon to be floated regarding the matter. BMRCL has made it clear that the windows of the trains will remain advertisement-free.

Revenue received from advertisements by the BMRCL saw a hit after the municipal body Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) banned outdoor advertisements following a high court order in August 2018. BMRCL would make Rs 10 crore on an annual basis by allowing advertisements on metro pillars and medians below viaducts. Considering that the BMRCL network has expanded significantly since 2018, the revenue through advertising on medians and metro pillars would be exponential. At present, the metro network stretches 73 km, with plans to expand it to 175 km by 2025–26 and 317 km by 2031. **— BMB**

Employee attrition continues to plague consumer sector

71% attrition rate in metropolises; 66% in Tier 2 & Tier 3 cities: Report

Amid talks of joblessness, employee attrition remains a big challenge for India's consumer market. According to a report by staffing company TeamLease Services, employees are consistently searching for opportunities in the consumer durable and electronics sector, with the cost of attrition to an organisation with 1000 employees being approximately Rs 3.64 crore, as revealed by the report.

The attrition rate in the metropolises stood at 71 per cent. Tier 2 and 3 cities have comparatively lower attrition rates of 66 per cent. India has a 590 million-person workforce working in the consumer electronics sector, of which 5.4 million is the total formal temporary workforce that has grown at a CAGR of 10.4 per cent in the last five years. The share of formal employment accounts for 13.6 per cent of the total employment, while the organised sector accounts for 18.9 per cent and 81.1 per cent of people in the unorganised sector. The sector is characterised by a low level of education as half of the workforce has education below the 12th grade, highlighting the need for training for the employees.

The size of the consumer durables market in 2024 amounts to USD 34.7 billion and is estimated to reach USD 45.6 billion by 2028 with a CAGR of 7.1 per cent. The consumer electronics market in 2024 was at USD 79.7 billion and is estimated to reach USD 108.8 billion by 2028, with a CAGR of 8.1 per cent.

Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, and Telangana are the top five states experiencing the highest growth in temporary jobs. At the city level, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Chennai, Kolkata, and Mumbai drive temporary job growth.

Balasubramanian A, Senior Vice President at TeamLease Services, said, "We must reimagine talent management strategies to attract, nurture, and retain a temporary workforce." Kartik Narayan, CEO of Staffing, TeamLease Services Limited, highlighted, "Understanding the specific needs and dynamics of the temporary workforce is crucial for driving sustainable growth in the consumer durables and electronics sector."

As India cements its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy, the report anticipates the nation becoming the third-largest consumer market by 2027. **— ANI**

June begins with a lash of rain

Expect more rains & strong surface winds till June 5

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Following a brief hiatus, rain returned to the city, with several areas experiencing heavy rainfall on Saturday. Meteorological department officials clarified that Saturday's rainfall did not yet qualify as 'monsoon' rainfall since the Northern Limit of Monsoon was still passing through Kannur, Coimbatore, Kanyakumari, and Islampur. It was 'pre-monsoon' rainfall.

Following a dry spell from November 22, 2023, to the end of April, May's rainfall has effectively nullified the deficit. For instance, in Bengaluru South zone, the average rainfall between March 1 and May 31 is 159 mm, while the region received 168 mm, resulting in a surplus of 5.66%. Bengaluru North saw an average rainfall of 183 mm during this period but received only 164 mm, leading to a deficit of 10.38%. These figures highlight the variability in rainfall distribution in the city.

N Puvarasan, a scientist at IMD Bengaluru, stated, "Favourable conditions are expected to facilitate the Southwest Monsoon's further advance into additional regions, including some areas of the central Arabian Sea, remaining portions of the south Arabian Sea, the Lakshadweep area, and Kerala. Additionally, parts of Karnataka and Rayalaseema, as well as additional areas of Tamil Nadu and the Southwest Bay of Bengal, are anticipated to experience monsoon's progress over the next two to three days."

According to the current forecast, Bengaluru can expect rainfall until June 5.

Hot and cold

On Friday, the city's temperature ad shot up to 35.4 degree celsius. By Saturday afternoon, it dipped below 30 degree celsius. Now, the recent rainfall is expected to lead to a gradual decrease of two to three degrees Celsius in the maximum temperature across the state. Bengaluru can anticipate cloudy skies, with maximum and minimum temperatures expected to be around 34°C and 22°C.

The data from the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre reveals the critical water storage levels across various reservoirs in the state. Among the reservoirs primarily designated for hydropower generation, Linganamakki stands at a concerning 9% storage capacity, while Supa fares slightly better at 24% capacity.

Streets surrounding the Hebbal flyover experienced flooding following heavy rainfall on Saturday. A traffic advisory from the police noted reduced traffic speed due to waterlogging at Kempapura towards Airport Road

Flooded streets

Despite ongoing cleaning of stormwater drains by the BBMP, several areas in the city, particularly in and around Hebbal, experienced waterlogging. BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath acknowledged the situation and highlighted ongoing efforts, including desilting and cleaning of stormwater drains, which are performed quarterly. Side drains are also undergoing cleaning and are nearly completed.

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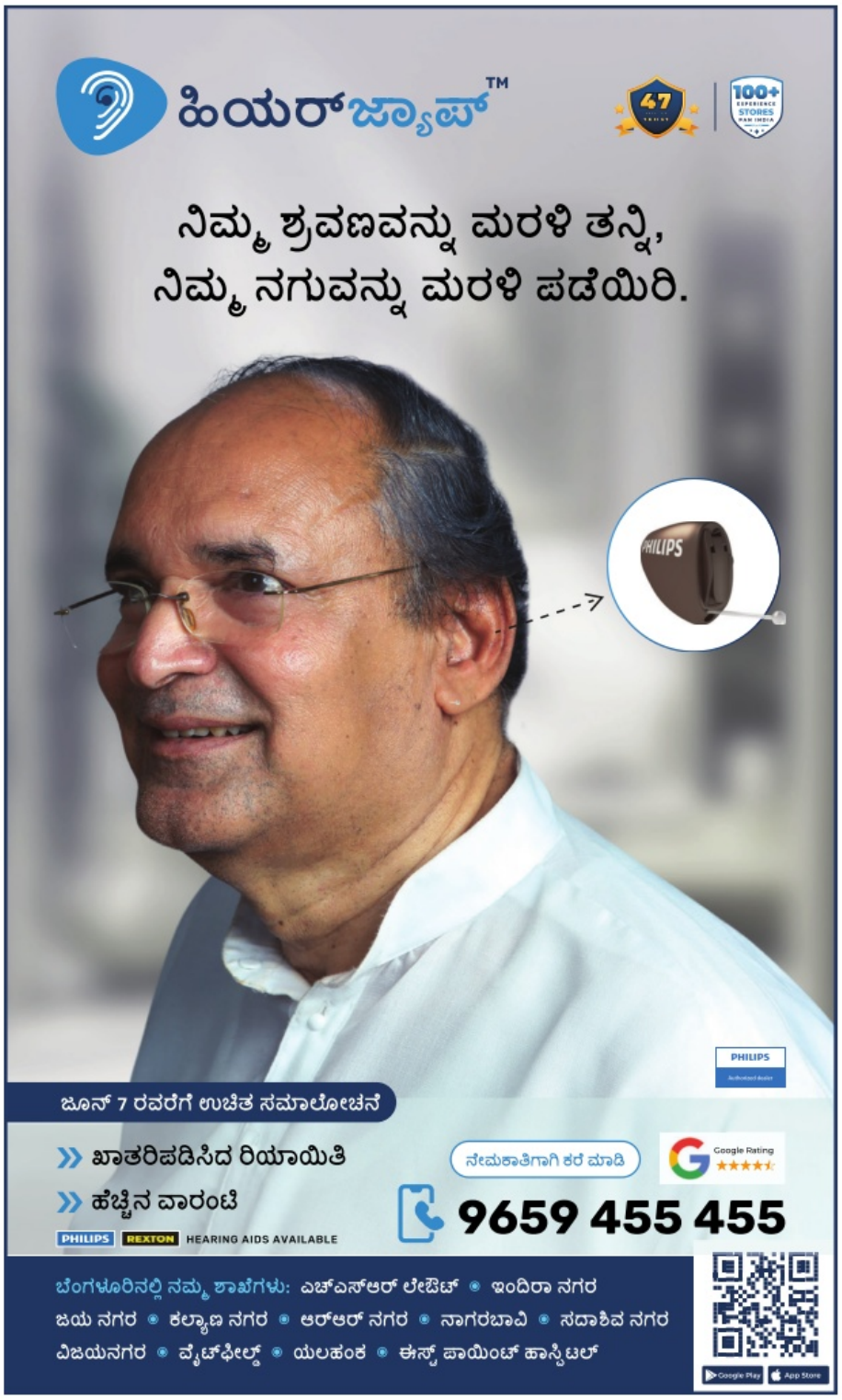

Sinkhole scares spark plea for road repairs in Banashankari

Citizens relieved at road asphalting but dismayed by sinkholes; demand immediate action on neglected restoration, highlighting persistent civic issues

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Citizens residing in Vrushabhavathi Nagar near Banashankari 6th Stage express concern over their safety amidst the monsoon season due to emerging sinkholes on recently paved roads. The citizens, noting that the roads were asphalted just two months ago, urge the Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) to expedite road restoration to prevent accidents during the rainy season.

The citizens expressed their joy at the authorities finally undertaking the task of asphalting the road after a prolonged period of neglect."I am shocked to see sinkholes around manholes and on the road. I blame the contractor for using the substandard material. The quality of the material is poor," said Pramod Gowda, an occupant of Vrushabhavathi Nagar.

They mentioned encountering numerous issues when the road was excavated for laying water and UGD pipes by the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), yet the restoration was overlooked."It seems there is no respite for the citizens from civic problems. We are facing one or the other problem daily. It is time for the authorities to fix these problems immediately," said VK Srivatsa, secretary of Change Makers of Kanakapura Road.

The citizens said it would be difficult for motorists to use these roads during the monsoon. "Sinkholes have emerged on various sections of the road. The engineer should have verified the quality of the material used for road restoration. Typically, roads are asphalted once every five months. It seems we may have to wait for five years before these roads are asphalted again. I urge the BDA engineer to promptly inspect the road and implement measures for its restoration in Vrushabhavathi Nagar, aiming to prevent inconvenience to people during the monsoon season," said Manjunath H, a local.

Sinkholes and cracks wrecked the road in Vrushabhavathi Nagar

An anonymous citizen, alarmed by sinkholes on the road, reported the issue to the BDA engineer, expecting prompt resolution from the authorities. BDA assistant engineer Ramu stated that he has received complaints from people regarding the road conditions. "The citizens told me about the sinkholes that appeared on the stretch of road. I will visit the spot and take measures to fix the problem. I believe that workers did not fill the dug-up portion of the road properly before asphalting it. There is no problem with the quality of materials used for the restoration of the road," the engineer said.

> **"It seems there is no respite for the citizens from civic problems. We are facing one or the other problem daily**
> – VK Srivatsa from Change Makers

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Dusty highway

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The dusty condition of the national highway between KR Pura and Hoskote since the COVID-19 pandemic could lead to environmental impacts and potentially increase the risk of accidents due to poor visibility.

Fallen tree

Mallathahalli

Mallathahalli-Traffic congestion occurs on Mallathahalli Lake main road due to a fallen tree, and the corporation overlooks the issue.

Court bans commercial parking on residential empty plots

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The High Court has ruled that the law prohibits using an empty plot in a residential area for commercial vehicle parking and charging fees for it. The court has instructed the municipal body, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), to submit a detailed project report on the methodology for implementing Parking policy 2.0. The BBMP has been given six weeks to submit the report. This directive follows the court's observation that both the BBMP and the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) have failed to propose a pilot permit system and other measures under the policy, even though it has been in effect since December 2020.

Justice Suraj Govindaraj issued the order in response to a petition filed by Nagabhushan Reddy N and his brother, occupants of HSR Layout Sector-3. The petitioners had challenged the use of plot number 7 on 19th A Cross, 17th Main Road for parking two- and four-wheeled vehicles by the site owner, Nagendra. They complained that the parking activities caused disturbances for locals due to driver conduct and frequent vehicle movement. In his defence, Nagendra argued that he was being unfairly targeted, despite other similar facilities operating in the area, because the previous owner of the plot had refused to sell it to the brothers.

The court has noted that using empty plots in residential areas as charged parking facilities is neither permitted in the building by-laws nor the Parking Policy 2.0. It pointed out that neither the law allows for the granting of a trade license nor the zonal regulations allow for such use of residential plots. The BBMP has told the court that the parking charges framework and the area parking plan are being prepared as per the Parking Policy 2.0.

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A herd of elephants grazing in the backwaters of the Kabini River.

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City's 'fiery' spectacle makes a comeback

Bengaluru's iconic Gulmohar trees add vibrant hues and vital shade to our streets, despite challenges of urbanisation

Gulmohars face challenges due to urbanisation, infrastructure development projects, soil erosion, pollution, and inadequate space for root growth

Bengaluru welcomes summer each year with its flowering trees blooming in full glory, giving a lively undertone to the city. The flowering trees form a dense cover and sprinkle the streets with their colours.

Gulmohar trees, also known as Flame of the Forest or Delonix regia, are a vibrant and iconic presence in Bengaluru. Known for their stunning, fiery red-orange blossoms, these trees add a burst of colour to the city's scenic beauty, particularly during the summer months when they are in full bloom.

In Bengaluru, Gulmohar trees are often found nestled along the streets, adorning parks, and enhancing public spaces, contributing to the city's green canopy. They not only provide an aesthetic appeal but also give shade, helping to minimise the effects of urban heat and offering respite for pedestrians.

However, like many urban trees, Gulmohars face challenges due to urbanisation, infrastructure development projects, soil erosion, pollution, and inadequate space for root growth. Citizens and local bodies must make an active effort to preserve and protect these trees, which are essential to maintaining Bengaluru's natural glimmer and ecological balance. Gulmohar's vivid flowers and sprawling branches make it a beloved and cherished part of Bengaluru's natural heritage, symbolising the city's blend of urban life and natural beauty.

— Ankita Govind

DID YOU KNOW?

Karnataka's diverse topography, characterised by its lush forests, rolling hills, and cascading rivers, contributes to its status as one of the states with the highest number of waterfalls in India. The Western Ghats, which traverse the state, provide an ideal environment for the formation of these breathtaking natural wonders. From the majestic Jog Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in Asia, to the picturesque Abbey Falls and the serene Dudhsagar Falls, Karnataka boasts a plethora of cascades that attract visitors from far and wide, offering glimpses of nature's raw beauty and power.

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How has transportation infrastructure adapted to the city's changing needs over the years?

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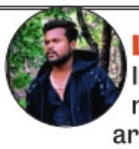
The city has witnessed the expansion of road networks and the construction of flyovers to accommodate increasing vehicular traffic. Metro has addressed the need for modern transportation, easing congestion on the roads.



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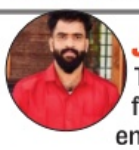
Improved connectivity between major residential and commercial areas has been a focus. The Outer Ring Road has undergone development to accommodate the increasing demands of the IT industry and residential expansion.

Maruthi, BM Reader
Bus Rapid Transit System initiatives have been introduced to provide more reliable bus services, reducing travel time for commuters. Initiatives to promote cycling, including dedicated lanes and bike-sharing, aim to address congestion and promote eco-friendly commuting. The implementation of intelligent traffic management systems has improved flow and reduced bottlenecks at intersections.



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The creation of pedestrian-friendly zones in certain areas enhances safety and encourages walking, contributing to a healthier urban environment. Introduction of last-mile connectivity solutions, such as shared mobility services and e-rickshaws, improves accessibility from public transport hubs to final destinations.

Anitha, BM Reader
Implementation of smart parking solutions helps optimize parking spaces and reduce traffic congestion caused by the search for parking. Plans for integrated transport hubs that combine various modes of transportation, including buses, metro, and railways, aim to streamline inter-city and intra-city travel.

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Panathur mishap highlights railway underbridge neglect

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In a recent incident, a car overturned in Panathur Railway Underbridge (RUB) due to civic apathy. For several years, authorities have neglected to construct the Railway Underbridge, resulting in numerous accidents, claim residents.

"It's been so many years that we have been complaining about the Panathur Railway Underbridge, yet nothing happens. When I started complaining about it, I had recently married and moved to the area. Now I have a kid in elementary school, and I am still complaining," complained a commuter.

"The condition has worsened with delays in work, leaving people suffering on a daily basis. Many times, ambulances get stuck, and there have been incidents where people were stranded for hours just to cross a mere 500 meters. In an area housing 20,000 apartments, residents are forced to live without basic infrastructure facilities," civic activist group Namma Balagere told BM.

Netizens on social media have also expressed outrage regarding the incident.

"I've heard that a person lost their life because an ambulance got stuck in traffic. It's a shameful example of poor management. While the world talks about landing on Mars, the residents of Panathur, Varthur, and Balagere are still struggling to reach the Outer Ring Road," said a netizen.

Another resident added that, "for the past 7-8 years, the road has remained in the same condition. A narrow 20-foot section renders 300 meters of road effectively useless, causing significant delays. Traffic on one side must wait for the last car, sometimes 2 km away, to pass before they can proceed. Despite the potential to significantly reduce waiting times, no action has been taken."

Residents say that Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) always waits for a major incident to occur before addressing the problem, and then they only fix that specific part. "It seems they are waiting for another issue to arise elsewhere. I don't understand what other responsibilities a corporator has if they can't even address the basic needs in one of the most active areas of their own jurisdiction," opined a resident.

The Whitefield traffic police took to X, stating, "BBMP Mahadevapura, please address this issue urgently and provide updates. For immediate assistance during any emergency, call 112."

Pothole filling stuck at 58.6%

With just 2 days remaining for new deadline, BBMP struggles to meet targets amidst looming rainfall warnings & upcoming elections, raising concerns for road safety

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With just two days left for filling potholes in the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has completed only 58.6% of the work. Officials claim they can finish the remaining potholes in the next few days, but upcoming rainfall warnings, MLC elections, and Lok Sabha polls are likely to cause further delays.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "We initially identified 5,500 potholes across our eight zones. This survey is dynamic, with new potholes being added regularly. Our officials update the survey twice a week. In the past week alone, 3,225 potholes have been filled. However, during this time, an additional 1,500 potholes were identified, leaving us with 3,800 more to fill. Out of these, 2,480 are in RR Nagar and Dasarahalli zones, where the deadline is June 4."

He mentioned that progress is being made in almost all zones, with cold mix being stocked for use. The recent break from rain has also been beneficial. The zonal commissioner task force, comprising representatives from departments like BWSSB and BESCOM, has facilitated coordination. However, upcoming challenges include election counting and MLC polls this week, which may lead to some officials being occupied. Nevertheless, pothole work will still be prioritised, he claimed.

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Meanwhile, experts say that BBMP should adopt a proactive rather than reactive approach. "Potholes often develop due to a combination of factors such as poor construction practices, heavy traffic loads, weather conditions, and inadequate maintenance. To effectively fill potholes and ensure roads remain free of them, several key strategies must be implemented. Firstly, regular and thorough inspections of road surfaces are imperative. This involves using advanced technologies such as laser imaging and ground-penetrating radar to detect early signs of deterioration and potential pothole formation. By identifying and repairing minor damages promptly, larger potholes can be prevented. Secondly, investing in high-quality materials for road construction and repair is essential. Utilising durable asphalt mixes and incorporating additives like polymers can enhance the strength and longevity of road surfaces, reducing the likelihood of potholes. Additionally, employing proper compaction techniques during construction minimizes the risk of settlement and surface deformations", said an expert.

Ravi Kumar, a civil engineering professor said, "Moreover, effective drainage systems play a crucial role in preventing water accumulation on roads, which is a significant contributor to pothole formation. Regular cleaning and maintenance of drainage channels, along with the installation of adequate runoff management infrastructure, are essential to mitigate water-related damage. Furthermore, adopting innovative repair techniques such as hot mix asphalt overlays and infrared patching can provide long-lasting solutions for existing potholes. These methods ensure seamless repairs that integrate well with the surrounding road surface, reducing the chances of recurring potholes."

He further added that collaboration among various stakeholders is also vital for successful pothole management. Municipalities, transportation agencies, contractors, and research institutions must work together to develop comprehensive road maintenance plans, allocate sufficient budgets, and implement best practices. Investing in education and training programmes for road maintenance crews is another important aspect. Equipping workers with the skills and knowledge to identify, assess, and repair road defects effectively contributes to overall road safety and longevity.

"Ultimately, a proactive approach that combines advanced technologies, quality materials, proper construction practices, effective drainage systems, innovative repair techniques, and ongoing education is the key to filling potholes and ensuring roads remain free of them. By prioritising preventive maintenance and employing sustainable strategies, we can create safer, smoother, and more durable road networks for the benefit of all road users," Kumar said.

No water on June 6 & 7: BWSSB

Water supply will be unavailable on June 6 and 7 due to a scheduled shutdown. The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) had previously announced that Kaveri water supply units would be shut down on June 4, 2024, for the implementation of the Cauvery 5th stage project, leading to disruptions in water supply on June 4 and 5, 2024. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the shutdown of Kaveri water supply units has been rescheduled to June 6, 2024. On this day, Kaveri 1, 2, and 3 stages' water supply units will be offline for 12 hours (from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM), while Kaveri 4th stage 1st and 2nd phases' water supply units will be offline for 4 hours (from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM). Consequently, there will be a two-day disruption in water supply to the city on June 6 and 7, 2024. The public in affected areas is urged to cooperate by storing water in advance and using it wisely during this period, as added in the release.

Bhavani Revanna evades SIT questioning

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) stated on Saturday that it could not interrogate Bhavani Revanna, the mother of suspended JD(S) leader Prajwal Revanna, in connection with a kidnap case as she was not present at her residence in Holenarasipura district. The SIT had issued a notice to Bhavani on Thursday, asking her to be present at home from 10 am to 5 pm on June 1 for questioning in the case linked to allegations of sexual abuse against her son and Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna.

When the SIT team reached Bhavani's house, named 'Chennambika Nilaya', she was not present. Despite officers deciding to wait until evening, she failed to turn up. According to sources, SIT is now contemplating forming teams to look for her. Meanwhile, suspended JD(S) MP Prajwal, who was arrested and sent to the custody of SIT in connection with allegations of sexual abuse of several women, denied the charges against him, the source said. Prajwal (33) is the grandson of former PM and JD(S) supremo HD Deve Gowda. **—PTI**

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Defamation case: Bail to CM, Deputy CM

Court directs Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to appear before it on June 7

A court in Bengaluru on Saturday directed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to appear before it in a defamation case filed by the BJP, and granted bail to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy DK Shivakumar in connection with the matter.

Rahul Gandhi was asked to appear before the court on June 7 in connection with the case.

The defamation case on alleged false advertisements was filed by BJP general secretary Keshav Prasad.

While Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar appeared in person before the Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru, Gandhi, who was supposed to appear, did not turn up.

BJP advocates raised objections and said Gandhi should not be given an exemption under CrPC 205 since he had skipped an appearance for the second time.

Congress advocates argued that Gandhi was attending the INDIA bloc meeting in New Delhi, and he is also a contestant in the Lok Sabha polls.

They requested the court for exemption from Saturday's hearing and promised that the Congress leader would be present on the next date. The court granted an exemption to Gandhi and directed him to be present before it on June 7.

In the run-up to the 2023 Assembly election, the Congress ran a campaign of '40 per cent Sarkara', accusing the then BJP government in Karnataka of collecting 40 per cent commission on public works and exorbitant bribe in posting and recruitments.

The party also put out posters of 'PayCM' with a QR code showing the then Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in the middle of it. Scanning the QR code would redirect to a web page developed by the Congress which had contents accusing rampant corruption prevailing in the state under the BJP rule.

The complainant accused the Congress party of running a defamatory campaign against the previous BJP government.

Speaking to reporters, Siddaramaiah said he appeared in court regarding a private complaint. He described the case as civil and emphasised his commitment to the law. The chief minister said KPCC president Shivakumar and Rahul Gandhi were also implicated in the case. All the three leaders

have requested a permanent injunction to avoid further court appearances related to this case.

Meanwhile, addressing media-persons, Shivakumar said the Congress party's advertisements were based on statements made by BJP leaders, which were reported in the media.

He asserted that the party is prepared to handle the legal challenge, noting the BJP leaders' claims about substantial payments for the CM's post and other positions. **PTI**

Citizens' protest against flooding of homes

Fed up with the flooding situation in homes, residents of Yelachenahalli ward protested on 100 feet ring road and blocked traffic. However, the group was quickly dispersed by traffic cops.

Nearly 100 residents of Yellachenalli blocked the traffic on 100 feet Ring Road near Amanath bank in Yelachenahalli ward alleging constant flooding of their homes even with small spell of rain. They said water mixed with sewage enters houses in Ramakrishnanagar, Fayzabad, and Kanaknagar.

"Some of the residents protested on 100 Feet ring road and blocked the traffic to highlight the flooding situation in our area. Even with small rains, water is entering our homes. It's not just rainwater, its sewage-infused water. There are proper drainage systems in this area. Water flows from JP Nagar and Banashankari flows into Yelachenahalli," said Gulab Pasha, a resident of Kanaknagar.

Residents complain that disappearing lakes have added to the problem.

"If there were some lakes to store the water, there the adverse impact would have been lesser. We used to have two lakes--Jarganahalli and Fayazabad Lakes. But both have ceased to exist and Fayazabad Lake can be seen on village maps. A case is going on the courts over Jarganahalli lake," he added.

The resident also added that the protest was held to attract authorities' attention but there was complete apathy from BBMP. "BBMP has been taking up construction of a new drain. For nearly a year, BBMP has not completed the 300-400m long drain. We haven't had proper roads or drains," he added. **—Melvin Mathew**

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Particle matter in air is on the rise

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points respectively. The rest of the stations have also recorded a surge in the concentration with the highest increase in Jayanagar. PM10 level in Jayanagar in April 2020 was recorded at 42, which has now reached 100.1. Similarly, PM2.5 concentration was 24 in 2019 and it has now touched 40. "Particulate matter concentrations in the city are about to touch pre-pandemic levels. This goes to show that the National Clean Air Program has been a failure in Bengaluru," said an air quality expert.

Funds unused

Experts say this was inevitable especially when Bengaluru has used only a tiny fraction of the NCAP funds disbursed by the Centre. As per the Central government's PRANA website, between 2019 and 2023, the Union government disbursed Rs 541.1 crore to Bengaluru, but only 1.01% of this amount - Rs 5.47 crore - has been utilised so far. In 2023-24, Bengaluru received zero amounts under the program.

What is most polluting?

Air quality experts say traffic snarls and emission levels are very high in Bengaluru; leading to high levels of particulate matter. Moreover, a sizable portion of PM10 emission is from the construction industry and re-suspended road dust particles. "As per the outcomes of our study, the transportation sector in Bengaluru is still responsible for 63% of PM2.5 emissions and 50% of PM10 emissions. Until we take measures such as phasing out diesel-based vehicles and addressing emissions from heavy freight transport, levels of particulate matter in the environment will remain high. Strengthening public transport system is one way to bring down PM emissions," said Dr R Subramanian, sector head, of Air Quality, Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP).

The April 2024 AQI report by KSPCB also shows that the daily average values of PM2.5 and PM10 exceeded NAAQS standards on multiple days across the majority of the stations.

Dr Subramanian cautions that the daily average concentration of particulate matter should not exceed the permissible levels too often. "US EPA states that the daily average levels of particulate matter should not exceed the permissible levels more than two to three times in a year. If it happens multiple times in a month, it is concerning," he added.

Experts say traffic management and improvement in existing road infrastructure should be taken up on a priority basis. Unpaved roads, poorly managed traffic, unscientific speed humps, and unregulated construction industry are some of the reasons behind the high PM concentration in the city's air.

Some experts opine it is probably time for Bengaluru to emulate Delhi and crackdown on emissions from construction industry. A couple of months ago, a new rule was announced for the national capital under which, all construction and demolition sites of over 5,000 sq m would soon have a real-time air quality monitoring device installed at their premises. This was after Delhi's environment department came up with a colour-coded four-stage warning system for C&D sites to bring down dust pollution levels in the city.

The system monitors PM 10 levels at these sites before relaying the data to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. "If the value is found to be above permissible limits, SMS-based alerts are sent to the construction site for necessary action to be taken," said Dr Subramanian.

Countdown to counting begins

Security tightened at 3 counting centres established in Bengaluru for vote tally

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With the Lok Sabha polls concluded, attention now shifts to Tuesday's counting, which will determine India's next Prime Minister. In Bengaluru, extensive measures have been taken to guarantee security at the counting centres. The vote tallying for the Lok Sabha election is scheduled for June 4. Three counting centres have been established in the city, with CCTV cameras and video surveillance systems being installed in accordance with Election Commission guidelines. Officials have been tasked with ensuring the deployment and training of counting staff, and police personnel have been assigned for security. In Bangalore Central, counting will occur at Mount Carmel College, for Bangalore North, it will take place at St. Joseph's College, and for Bangalore South, the counting venue will be SSMRV College.

During a preparatory meeting on Saturday, District Election Officer Tushar Giri Nath directed officials to ensure the proper counting of postal votes.

Lone woman contestant

Following the conclusion of the Lok Sabha polls on Saturday, the focus now shifts to the Biennial Election for the Karnataka Legislative Council. This election is scheduled to take place on June 3, 2024, from 8 am to 4 pm. The constituencies involved in this election include Karnataka North East Graduates', Bangalore Graduates, Karnataka South-East Teachers, Karnataka South-West Teachers', Karnataka South-West Graduates, and Karnataka South Teachers' constituencies. There are 78 contestants participating in these polls, with only one female candidate. The Bangalore graduates' constituency has 159 polling stations, including 88 auxiliary polling stations. Unlike the Lok Sabha polls where indelible ink was applied to the left forefinger, for the MLC polls, it will be applied to the right-hand forefinger.

File photo of polling staff checking VVPATS machines and EVMs, in Malleswaram

The State Government has instructed relevant institutions and organizations to grant special casual leave on June 3, 2024, to eligible graduate and teacher voters so they can exercise their voting rights. This directive extends to individuals employed either permanently or on a daily wage basis in government and private schools and colleges, as well as aided and unaided educational institutions. Additionally, it applies to all types of educational establishments, state and central government offices, nationalized and other banks, central and state government factories, other industrial facilities, cooperative organizations, business enterprises, industrial organizations, and other establishments.

An official said, "Voter information slips have been distributed to the electors, containing essential details such as the elector's name, relative's name, gender, part number, serial number, part name, date of poll, poll timings, and a QR code. This QR code allows voters to scan and quickly locate their polling stations using Google Maps. Additionally, details regarding polling station information are sent via SMS to voters who provided their mobile numbers during enrollment, ensuring convenient access to polling station details."

INDIA bloc leaders meet

Leaders of several INDIA bloc parties met on Saturday to take stock of the opposition's preparations leading up to the June 4 counting of votes polled in the Lok Sabha elections, and claimed they will get more than 295 seats, enough for them to form the next government.

Addressing the media after a two-and-a-half-hour confabulation here, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge asserted the INDIA bloc has arrived at the figure after feedback from people.

Kharge said the leaders of the alliance met at his residence and dwelled upon a host of issues, including the precautions to be taken on the counting day on June 4. He said they have instructed their party workers to not leave the counting halls till all formalities are completed.

He said the opposition parties have sought time from the Election Commission on Sunday to raise their concerns and urge the poll body to address them. The meeting began at Kharge's residence this afternoon as voting in the last phase of the seven-phase general elections were underway for 57 seats. The counting for all the phases will be held on June 4.

"The INDIA bloc will get more than 295 seats. We have arrived at this figure after speaking with all our leaders," Kharge told reporters.

"This is a survey of people. People have given this information to our leaders. The government surveys are there and their media friends also inflate figures and put it out. Therefore, we want to tell you about the reality," the Congress president said.

Senior leaders of the Congress, Samajwadi Party, CPI(M), CPI, DMK, JMM, AAP, RJD, Shiv Sena (UBT) and the NCP (Sharad Pawar) were present at the meeting. -PTI

Voting ends in the last round of election, a referendum on Modi's decade in power

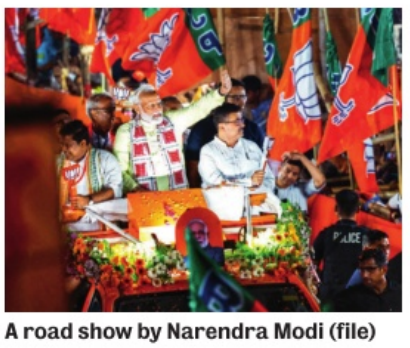
India's six-week-long national election came to an end Saturday as the last of the country's hundreds of millions of voters went to the polls for a contest that's widely seen as a referendum on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decade in power.

During the grueling, multi-phase election, candidates criss-crossed the country, pollworkers hiked to remote villages, and voters lined up for hours in sweltering heat. Now all that's left is to wait for the results, which are expected to be announced Tuesday.

The election is considered one of the most consequential in India's history. If Modi wins, he'll be only the second Indian leader to retain power for a third term after Jawaharlal Nehru, the country's first prime minister.

Most poll surveys show Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party leading over the broad opposition alliance that's challenging them, led by the Congress party. The votes will be counted Tuesday, with results expected by the end of the day.

Modi's campaign began on a platform of economic progress, with vows to uplift the poor and turn India into a developed nation by 2047. But it turned increasingly shrill in recent weeks as Modi escalated polarizing rhetoric in incendiary speeches that targeted the country's Muslim minority, who make up 14% of India's 1.4 billion people. After campaigning ended on Thursday, Modi went to a memorial site honouring Hindu saint, Swami Vivekananda, to meditate on national television. The opposition Congress party called it a political stunt and said it violated election rules as the campaigning period has ended.


A road show by Narendra Modi (file)

Pre-poll surveys showed that voters were increasingly worried about unemployment, the rise in food prices and an overall sentiment that only a small portion of Indians have benefitted despite brisk economic growth under Modi, making the contest appear closer than initially anticipated. The seventh round of polls covered 57 constituencies across seven states and one union territory, completing a national election to fill all 543 seats in the powerful lower house of parliament. Nearly 970 million voters — more than 10% of the world's population. More than 8,300 candidates ran for five-year terms in parliament.

In this election, Modi's BJP — which controls much of India's Hindi-speaking northern and central parts — sought to expand their influence by making inroads into the country's eastern and southern states, where regional parties hold greater sway. Modi ramped up anti-Muslim rhetoric after voter turnout dipped slightly below 2019 figures in the first few rounds of the 2024 polls, in a move seen as a bid to energise his core Hindu voter base. But analysts say it also reflected the absence of a single big-ticket campaign issue, which Modi has relied on to power previous campaigns. -AP

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T20 World Cup: Elusive dream

Indian team's journey that started with a win 11 years ago has since been series of heartbreaks

Indian cricket team players during a training session for the T20 World Cup in New York

Six months after the bittersweet ODI World Cup campaign, Indian cricket fans embrace and turn their attention to the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 in the hope that Rohit & Co can finally end the 11-year ICC trophy drought that the country is suffering.

From the inaugural edition of the tournament in 2007 in South Africa to the ninth edition of the tournament set to take place in the United States of America and the Caribbean, here is a look at India's journey across 17 years:

2007 World Cup India made history by becoming the first-ever winner of the T20 World Cup. The tournament was full of memorable moments like the iconic India-Pakistan bowl-off and Gautam Gambhir's heroics in the final.

2009 Defending champions India entered the 2009 tournament with high expectations. After topping their group they faced tough opposition in England, South Africa, and the West Indies. The Men in Blue finished at the bottom of their group after failing to win a single game. South Africa went on to lose to eventual winners Pakistan in the semifinal.

2010 The very next year saw India's struggles continue as they faced hosts West Indies, Australia, and Sri Lanka in the Super Eight and once again failed to register a win, making it two Super Eight eliminations in a row.

2012 This was a strange one for India, playing in the sub-continent with Sri Lanka as the host, India faced Australia, South Africa, and Pakistan in the Super 8.

The Men in Blue registered two wins against S.A. and Pak, respectively. But a devastating nine-wicket loss against Australia saw them miss out on a spot in the semifinals, making it the third consecutive early exit for the country.

2021 The 2021 T20 World Cup was perhaps the worst display by India in the World Cup. Not only did the team lose its first-ever World Cup match against Pakistan, it lost to New Zealand as well in the group stages which resulted in the team being knocked out in the preliminary round itself.

Knockout heartbreak 2014 The tournament was Virat Kohli's first ICC tournament in which he displayed his full capabilities, scoring 319 runs including 77 runs in the final against Sri Lanka. But his performances went in vain as India could only put up a score of 130 runs in the game, a target which was chased in 18 overs by Sri Lanka.

In 2007, India became the first-ever winner of the T20 World Cup, a tourney was filled with memorable moments

Kohli's 319 runs in six innings still stands as the most by a player in a single edition.

2016 India's performance in the 2016 World Cup was a bittersweet one. Despite losing their first game of the Super 10's stage against New Zealand, hosts India went on to win against Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Australia in their next three games to secure a well-deserved semifinal berth. The semifinal at Wankhede was won by West Indies, who went on to beat England in the final.

2022 India and England faced off in Adelaide in the semifinals of the tournament. Virat Kohli's fifty runs and Hardik Pandya's blistering 63 off 33 took the side to 168 runs in the first innings. Unfortunately for India, Jos Buttler and Alex Hales were two men in form on the night as the opening partners remained undefeated helping England romp to an easy 10-wicket victory for England.

Virat Kohli's dominance Virat Kohli made his T20 World Cup debut in the 2012 edition of the tournament and what has followed since has been nothing short of historic.

— IANS

Plot to harm Salman: 1 accused held from B'luru

The Navi Mumbai police infiltrated the social media groups, including WhatsApp, of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang before arresting four of its members for allegedly plotting to attack actor Salman Khan, an official said on Saturday.

The action comes months after the police made arrests in connection with a firing outside the actor's Bandra home in Mumbai.

Vivek Pansare, Deputy Commissioner of Police Zone II (Panvel), told the media that Panvel police station senior inspector Nitin Thackeray got inputs in September-October last year about a conspiracy to harm the actor.

A few Navi Mumbai police officers and informers then infiltrated WhatsApp and other social media groups of the Bishnoi gang and began tracking the chatter on those platforms, he said.

The police said they learnt that the four arrested gang members had recced Salman's farmhouse in Panvel, the area around his home at Bandra in Mumbai and places he visited for film shooting.

There were even attempts to get weapons from abroad, he said.

After gathering inputs, cops in April registered a case against 17 persons, including Lawrence Bishnoi and his younger brother Anmol Bishnoi, police said.

Accused Dhananjay Tapesingh, alias Ajay Kashyap (28) was arrested from Panvel on April 28. The same day, Gaurav Bhatia, alias Sandeep Bishnoi, was taken into custody from Gujarat, the official said.

While the third person Vaspi Khan, alias Waseem Chikna, was picked from Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Rizwan Khan, alias Javed Khan, was arrested from Bengaluru, he said.

They have been booked under Indian Penal Code (IPC) sections, including 120-B (Conspiracy) and 506 (criminal intimidation), the official said.

— PTI

Authentic dying declaration can be sole basis for conviction, rules SC

An authentic dying declaration that inspires the confidence of the court can be relied upon and be the sole basis for the conviction of an accused without any corroboration, the Supreme Court has said.

The top court made this observation on May 15 while upholding the conviction of an ex-army personnel for murdering his wife, a police constable, in Maharashtra's Beed district 22 years ago.

It said that the court has to scrutinise the dying declaration carefully and ensure it is consistent, credible and devoid of tutoring.

"Once a dying declaration is found to be authentic and inspiring the court's confidence, then the same can be relied upon and can be the sole basis for conviction without any corroboration.

"However, before accepting such a dying declaration, the court must be satisfied that it was rendered voluntarily, is consistent and credible, and is devoid of any tutoring. Once such a conclusion is reached, a great deal of sanctity is attached to a dying declaration and as said earlier, it can form the sole basis for conviction," a bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan said.

In this case, the prosecution claimed that the victim was subjected to cruelty by her husband, brother-in-law and other in-laws.

Before accepting such a dying declaration, court must be sure that it was rendered voluntarily, is credible, and devoid of tutoring

On the fateful day, the woman was beaten up by her husband and brother-in-law who tied her hands with a 'gamcha' (thin and coarse cotton towel) and her feet with a towel and gagged her face.

The brother-in-law then got a matchbox and a bottle of kerosene, which the husband poured on her, and then lit the matchstick. The woman got completely burnt in the incident.

Her neighbours took her to the hospital, where her dying declaration was recorded based on which the Ambajogai police station in Beed district registered a case under sections 307 (attempt to murder), 498A (subjecting women to cruelty), 342 (wrongful confinement), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt) and 504 (intentional insult) read with section 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

The trial court in 2008 had convicted the husband for committing an offence punishable under section 302 (murder) read with section 34 of the IPC 1860 and sentenced him to life imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs 25,000. This verdict was upheld by the Bombay High Court.

The husband then moved the Supreme Court, which suspended his sentence and granted him bail in 2016 noting that he had already undergone about nine years of sentence.

— PTI

HEALTH TIP: A tiny amount of apple cider vinegar taken prior to meals might help regulate hunger and facilitate digestion

Fenugreek leaves contain compounds that possess anti-inflammatory effects

STILL CATCHING THEM YOUNG

Nicotine marketing targets adolescents today just as it did decades ago

About 37 million children ages 13 to 15 around the world use tobacco, according to a 2024 report from the World Health Organisation.

In 2023, e-cigarettes were the most commonly used tobacco product in the US, with 7.7% of middle school and high school students reporting e-cigarette use. Cigarettes were the next most common, with 1.6% of middle- and high school students saying they had consumed them in the past month.

Research shows that most people who use tobacco start in childhood.

I am a public health researcher who studies the different ways in which corporations influence adolescent health, with current projects focused on identifying sources of exposure to tobacco marketing among adolescents and young adults.

Over the past decade, I've researched ways in which tobacco companies market to children and young adults.

Health harms of tobacco

Smoking is harmful to every organ in the human body and is known to cause many types of cancers and heart disease, among other problems. Nicotine, by itself, in products like e-cigarettes and oral pouches, is harmful to adolescent brain development.

The adolescent brain develops into early adulthood, especially in the prefrontal cortex. This part of the brain is involved in higher cognitive development, including functions pertaining to attention, memory and cognitive flexibility. Research has shown that nicotine exposure results in long-term functional and structural changes in the brain.

Old tactics in new US products

Decades of research have documented how tobacco companies marketed tobacco products for years to attract young customers in order to sustain and grow their businesses.

In a 2021 study, my team and I showed that exposure to e-cigarette marketing with cartoon images decreased high school students' perceptions of harm from e-cigarettes. Research makes clear that this change in perspective can make adolescents more open to trying e-cigarettes.

In an earlier study, my team and I examined the impact of e-cigarette product placement and imagery in music videos on propensity to use e-cigarettes among young adults. We found that exposure to e-cigarette product placement in music videos increased young adults' intentions to try e-cigarettes in the future.

Striking at an early age

While our research has largely focused on the US context, several recent studies have shown how tobacco companies continue to market to children in other parts of the world.

For example, a team of researchers conducted focus groups among Chinese adolescents to understand sources of tobacco marketing exposure and what features made ads attractive. They found that adolescents reported being exposed to tobacco ad campaigns near their home and school. These young Chinese people also reported that bright colors, product packaging and price promotions featured in e-cigarette ads and other promotional materials attracted their attention.

In England, a 2022 study provided an overview of marketing claims present on the websites of popular e-cigarette brands. Most notably, the study found that UK websites featured medicinal claims for smoking cessation, associations with youth culture and depictions of young people using e-cigarettes.

Normalising tobacco use

The emergence of social media platforms has led tobacco companies to shift their marketing tactics from traditional channels like magazines, billboards and retail stores to online channels, capitalizing on the time that young people spend on screens.

Tobacco companies have helped normalize tobacco use online with the help of branded social media account pages and social media influencers. For example, in 2021, researchers discovered that e-cigarettes were being used and promoted by influencers on Amazon-owned Twitch, a video-sharing platform popular among adolescent gamers.

Similarly, streaming platforms normalise tobacco use. For example, in a 2022 study, my team and I analysed Netflix original TV shows and films for e-cigarette-related content. Most notably, we documented brief representations of teenagers holding e-cigarettes in the PG-13 film "Hubie Halloween." Our findings contradict Netflix's no e-cigarette pledge for PG-13 content.

This suggests a need for further outside-party monitoring of e-cigarettes in Netflix programming.

Spreading awareness

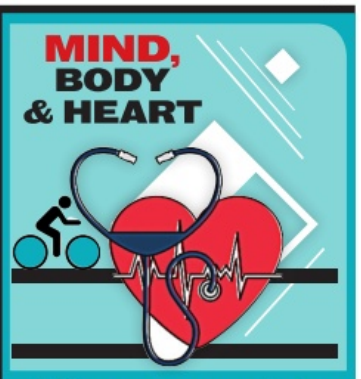
Every country will have to effectively enforce and expand restrictions on cigarette and e-cigarette marketing to protect children and teenagers from messages that encourage them to try smoking and vaping. Additional efforts are needed everywhere to help discourage young people from getting hooked on tobacco.

Most parents, teachers and other authority figures are likely unaware of the extent to which young people are exposed to tobacco content online, including tobacco ads and peer-generated posts on social media that normalize tobacco use.

Campaigns focused on tobacco-related digital media literacy could create awareness about tobacco products and describe how they are being marketed in the digital environment. There are various evidence-based resources that could be built upon to help young people evaluate tobacco advertising messages, empowering digital and social media users to actively evaluate information rather than remain a passive target for the industry's marketing.

I am certain that increased awareness could prevent young people from consuming tobacco.

-- Jon-Patrick Allem, Rutgers University, The Conversation



All you need to know about...

3 stress-relievers

1 Breathe
If you are looking for instant stress relief, take a step away from whatever you are doing, and give yourself a moment or two of deep breathing. Stress hormones affect the respiratory and cardiovascular systems. During the stress response, the body is conditioned to breathe faster to quickly distribute oxygen-rich blood to your body. In those couple minutes of deep breathing, try to shift your focus from all stressors to breathing. A good rule of thumb is to breathe in for a count of four, hold for 1 or 2 and then release for 8.

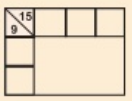
2 Chew Some Gum
Another way to instantly feel less stressed. A 2008 study out of Swinburne University found that people who chew gum while multitasking under stress had lower cortisol levels, reduced levels of stress and anxiety, and increased levels of alertness and performance. Chewing gum causes brain waves similar to those of relaxed people. Chewing gum promotes blood flow to your brain as well.

3 Organise
If your stress comes from a feeling of overwhelm, pause for a second to make for yourself a sustainable plan of action to follow. Relieve yourself for the stress that comes from not knowing how to go about something or not being able to find what you need when you need it. It is always good to start a long day with timed to-do lists and even better to ensure that you work in a clean environment, on a desk, for example, where everything is in place, your food would be ready when it is time to eat, etc.

—Yosha Khurana, Femina

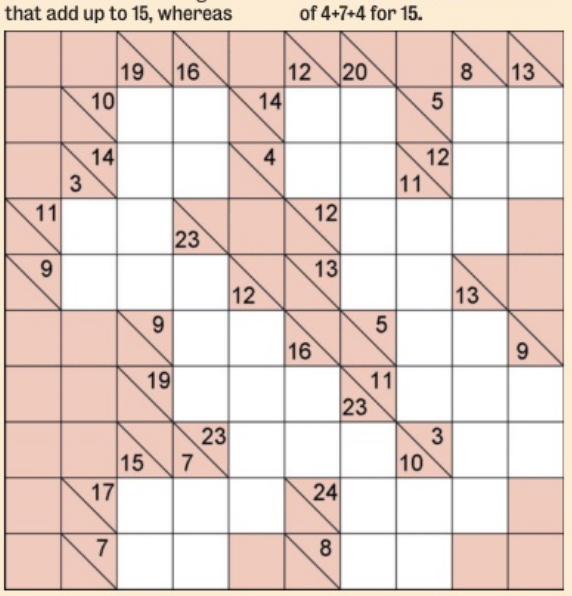
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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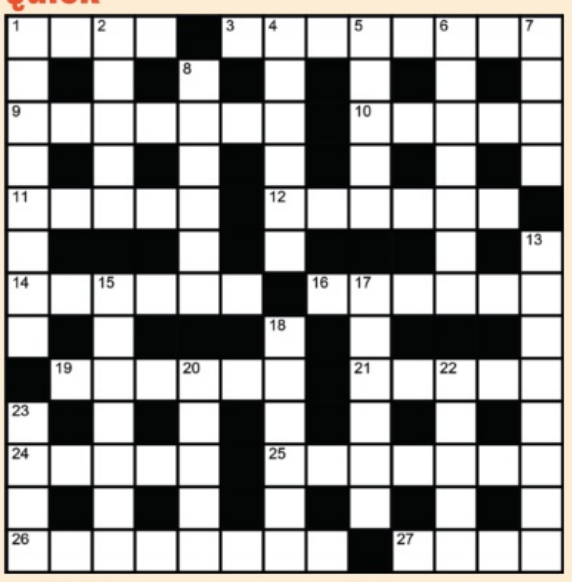


ACROSS

1 Finds the sum of (4)
3 Folds under pressure; bursts into laughter (6,2)
9 Argumentative (7)
10 Ian Flemming's ___ Bond (5)
11 City in Japan (5)
12 Coarse seaweed (6)
14 Loquacious (6)
16 Relating to the stars (6)
19 Cutting instruments (6)
21 Copying (5)
24 R in RCB (5)
25 Unheard of (7)
26 Veterans (3,5)
27 Hereditary unit (4)

DOWN

1 Move towards (8)
2 Alluvial deposit (5)
4 Uses a knife again? (6)
5 Music from Louisiana (5)
6 Taste tester (7)
7 Luxurious (4)
8 Effect (6)
13 Grace and beauty (8)
15 Irked or pestered (7)
17 Huts (6)
18 Sent out or emitted (6)
20 Famous Russian river (5)
22 Wishful words (1,4)
23 Jason's craft (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS H

NK TRLQ KAKXD NULO TNI FRL-BEKQ YXIZRH TRHN YEKUQGXK.

Linemaro

Wherever I go, whatever I do, I carry a little part of you with me right here in the centre of my heart

Mindchow

A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you

Joke of the day

I read recipes the same way I read science fiction: I get to the end and say to myself, "Well, that's not going to happen."

Loop

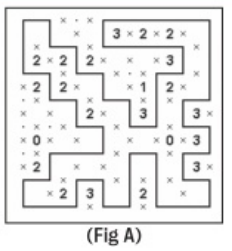
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

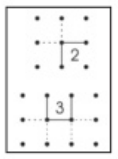
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



(Fig A)



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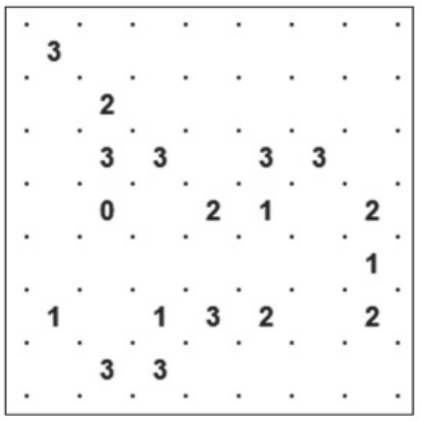

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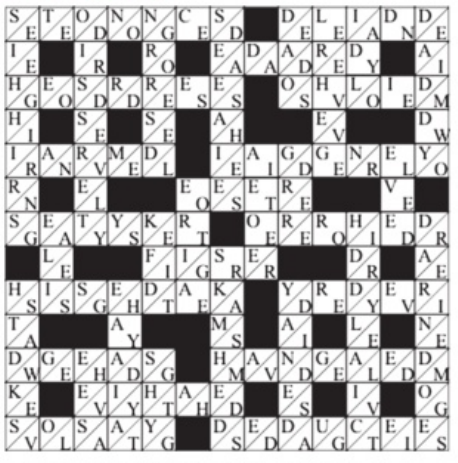
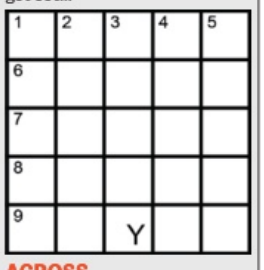


This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



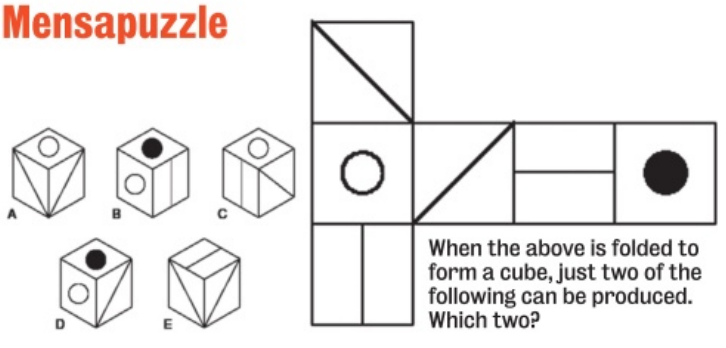
ACROSS

1 Malts; 6 Cairo; 7 Tunis; 8 Heart; 9 Re Fly

DOWN

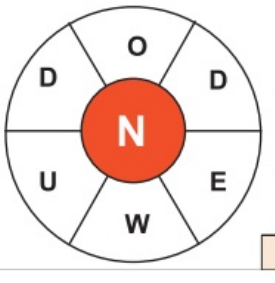
1 SF cur; 2 Lam on; 3 Ray it; 4 Hi let; 5 Aster

Mensapuzzle



When the above is folded to form a cube, just two of the following can be produced. Which two?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **11** Good; **13** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	1						9	
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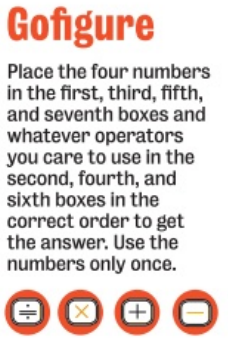
		9		4				
	2	6			4			8
		1	6		5	7		
8			7			4	1	
				1		6		
1	9				3	8		
	7						3	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 1
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Medium = 22
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Hard = 42
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HOCUS-FOCUS

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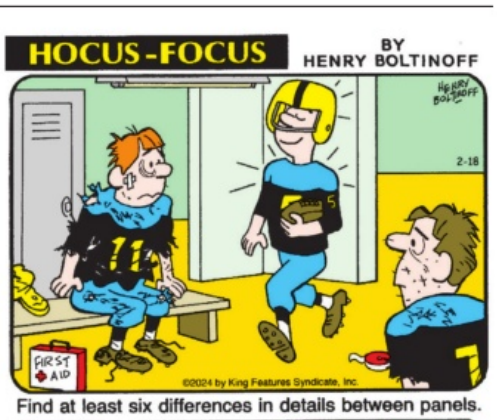


Find at least six differences in details between panels.

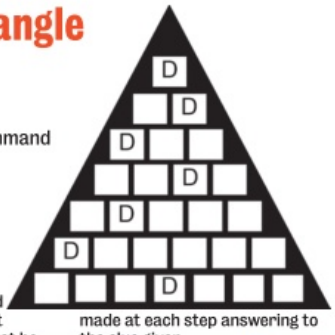
Differences: 1. Leg is moved. 2. Ann is longer. 3. Top of bench is longer. 4. Shoelace is moved. 5. Bandage is added. 6. Wall is wider.

Riddler

I am usually in a wooden case, I can have a square or round base, I have my own set of weights, In my name, is what a child calls a parent, When you hear me, I am apparent, I am Grand. By my name, I sound old, I am in stores where I am sold, Short I am not, I usually sit in one spot

Alpha triangle

1 Vitamin type
2 Identity, abbr.
3 Pass away
4 Ocean motion
5 Authoritative command
6 Straight
7 Judgment



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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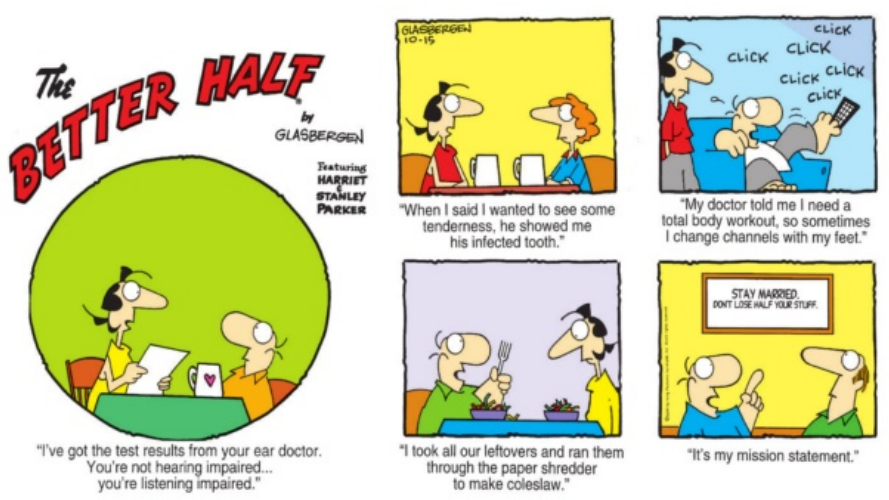
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by GLASBERGEN
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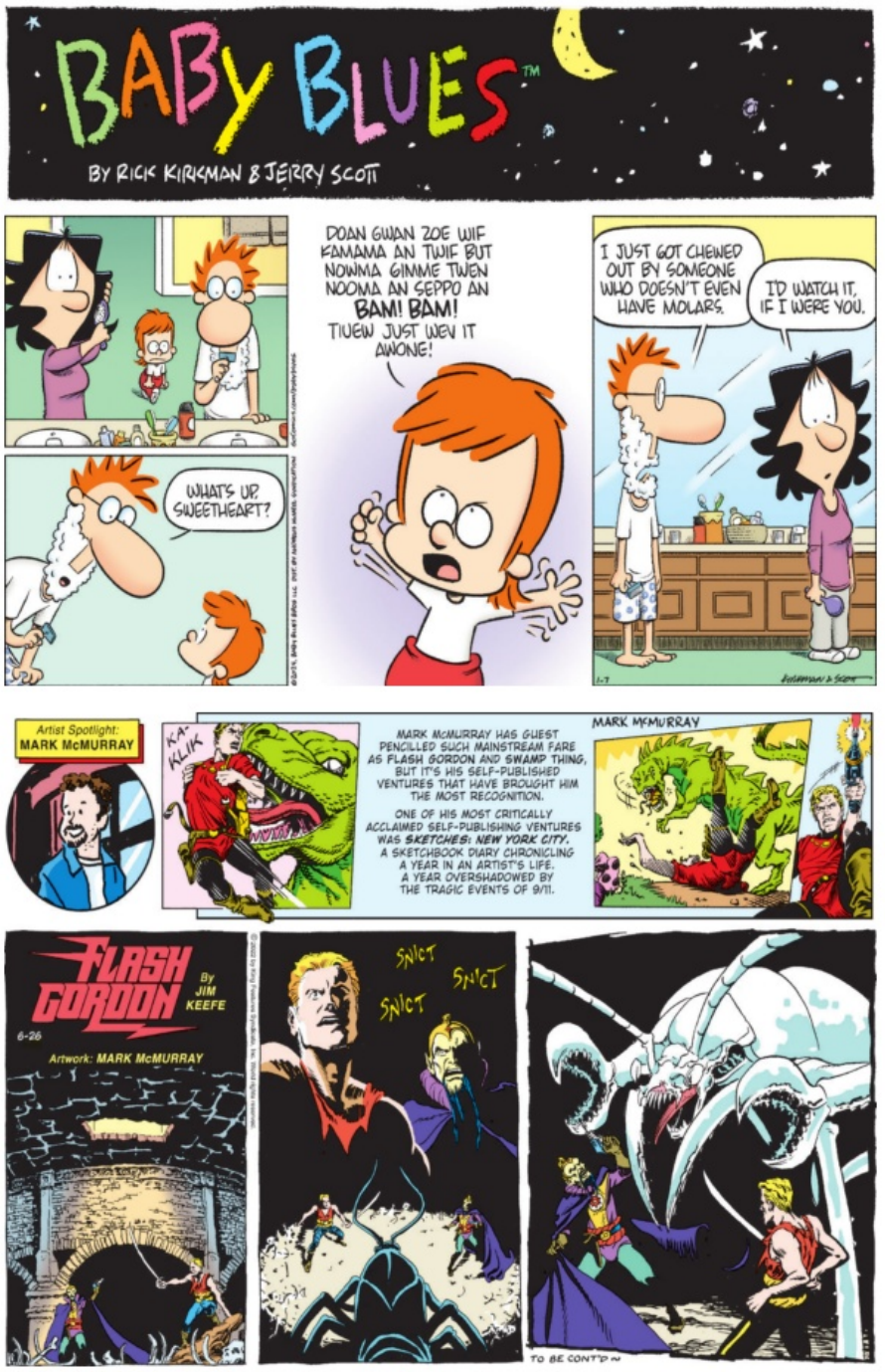
"I've got the test results from your ear doctor. You're not hearing impaired... you're listening impaired."
GLASBERGEN 10-15
"When I said I wanted to see some tenderness, he showed me his infected tooth."
CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK CLICK
"My doctor told me I need a total body workout, so sometimes I change channels with my feet."
"I took all our leftovers and ran them through the paper shredder to make coleslaw."
STAY MARRIED. DON'T LOSE HALF YOUR STUFF.
"It's my mission statement."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WHAT'S UP, SWEETHEART?
DOAN GWAN ZOE WIF KAMAMA AN TWIF BUT NOWMA GIMME TWEN NOOMA AN SEPPO AN BAM! BAM! TIUEW JUST WEN IT AWONE!
I JUST GOT CHEWED OUT BY SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T EVEN HAVE MOLARS.
I'D WATCH IT, IF I WERE YOU.

Artist Spotlight: MARK McMURRAY
KA-KLIK
MARK McMURRAY HAS GUEST PENCILLED SUCH MAINSTREAM FARE AS FLASH GORDON AND SWAMP THING, BUT IT'S HIS SELF-PUBLISHED VENTURES THAT HAVE BROUGHT HIM THE MOST RECOGNITION.
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MARK McMURRAY
FLASH GORDON By JIM KEEFE
6-26
Artwork: MARK McMURRAY
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TO BE CONT'D ~

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be busy at work. Your focus on your goal is now clear, which may help you complete your task before the deadline and with perfection. You may also enjoy happy moments with your family. Singles may likely find a soulmate. You may plan to renovate your house or office, which may enhance your status.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. Self-respect may help you deal with negative people around you. You may likely be more emotional about family-related issues. You may perform well at work and are likely to complete your tasks on time, which may boost your confidence. Your inner self may help you make difficult decisions regarding business growth.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are under the influence of a negative moon, and you may feel negativity around you. Due to dull feelings, you may be arrogant. It is advised to control your speaking, as harsh words may create problems around you. Investments related to fixed assets are advised to be postponed.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, a positive moon may spread blessings. You may be confident and enjoy your work, which may speed up your current project. You may feel healthy, and your desires may come true. People around you will seek your help to solve their problems, which may increase your prestige in society.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, your moon is negative. You may feel dull and face some health issues, which may affect your daily routine. Some of your acquaintances may betray you, so you are advised to keep your eyes open. You may be confused about making the right decision. It is advised not to make any financial decisions related to your business. Keep patience and avoid haste.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you are blessed with a positive moon, which may help you make the right decisions in investments. Your past investments may give you profit. You may likely start working on a new project, which will benefit you long-term. You may increase your network to improve your social status.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may have a dull feeling, and some sort of negativity may be noticed around you. These feelings may make you harsh in your speech. It is advised to control your speaking, as harsh words can create problems around you. You may likely deny any suggestions given by your well-wishers. However, by late evening, things may be under control.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and you may be able to control spending on worthless stuff. You may likely meet an advisor or get some direction, which may help you invest your savings into better options, boosting your financial health. You may find yourself more polite with others, which may increase your respect among people around you.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is good for your work. You may perform well at work, and your seniors may give you some responsibility, possibly leading to promotions. You may be in a winning position in some litigation. Your kid's health may be better now. You may likely meet with an investment consultant for your kid's future. You may have control over your hidden enemies.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You are blessed by the moon. With the help of elders' blessings, you may come out of last week's messy situation. With the help of destiny, you may observe some progress in life. Your spiritual power may help you make the right decision. Your financial condition may improve.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be a victim of negative thoughts. Impatient nature and arrogance may hold you back from making difficult decisions. You will need the blessings of your elders to help you grow in your work. Avoid making investments in dead assets. Love birds should avoid discussing bad moments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You are blessed by the moon today. You may expect to hear some good news in terms of your profession. Domestic life may be full of joy. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless family issues. You can make important decisions about investments in assets. Students may be focused on their studies.

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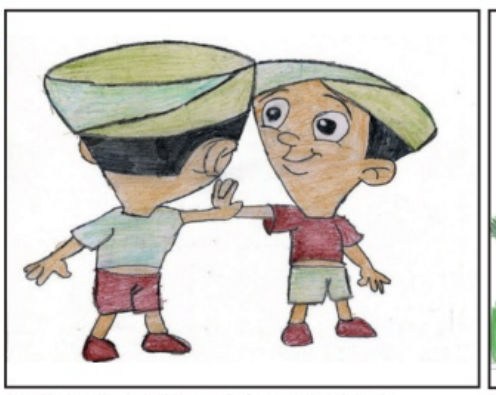

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SOLVE IN 1M
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$(-30)^2 = 900$

RIDDLER
Grandfather clock

STRIKE OUT

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QUOTE UNCODE
He wins every hand who mingles profit with pleasure.

QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
C and D.

BULL'S EYE
done, down, downed, dune, endow, node, nude, owned, node, unwed, wend, wound, WOUNDED

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, Id, Die, Tide, Edict, Direct, Verdict.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 + 7 – 8 – 7 = 1
Medium
2 + 8 x 2 + 2 = 22
Hard
5 + 4 – 2 x 6 = 42

LOOP

KAKURO

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Sad split — A daughter of actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, Shiloh Nouvel Jolie-Pitt filed paperwork to legally remove "Pitt" from her name on the day she turned 18

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It's complicated

Amid break-up rumours, comes a cryptic post

Actor Arjun Kapoor has shared a cryptic post amid rumours that he and his longtime girlfriend, Malaika Arora, ended their relationship.

However, this has come a day after Malaika Arora's manager, denied rumours of their breakup. On Saturday, Arjun Kapoor posted on Instagram Stories, stating, "We have two choices in life. We can be prisoners of our past or explorers of future possibilities." Malaika Arora and Arjun made their relationship official in 2018 on Malaika's 45th birthday.

Recently, Malaika's manager, in response to inquiries about the couple's breakup, told India Today, "No no, all rumors." For the unversed, Malaika was previously married to Arbaaz Khan, and the former couple shares a son named Arhaan, who resides with Malaika.

Meanwhile, Malaika and Arjun had been romantically linked for years before they made their relationship official in 2018 on the actress' 45th birthday. In 2022, similar breakup rumours circulated on social media, however, the two shut down the claims by posing together for a cozy picture and a cryptic note that read, "Ain't no place for shady rumours. Stay safe. Stay blessed. Wish well for people. Love y'all (sic)."

Arjun will be next seen in 'Meri Patni Ka' Remake, co-starring Bhumi Pednekar and Rakul Preet Singh. He is also playing the villain in Rohit Shetty's Singham Again featuring Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Tiger Shroff, Ranveer Singh, Jackie Shroff and Akshay Kumar. — ETimes

How to deal with trolls

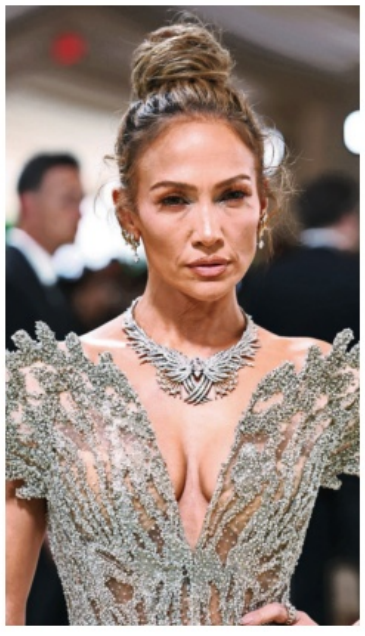
Actress Urvashi Rautela, who has often been heavily trolled on social media, says the best way to handle it is by not dealing with it at all. "Well, the best way to deal with trolling is to not deal with it at all. That's what I feel," Urvashi told IANS when asked how she deals with all the trolling.

The actress added: "Also, given the kind of busy, hectic schedule that I have, I genuinely have no time to waste and ponder over things that's not relevant or constructive to me. So, there's no question of feeling trolled when you aren't even paying attention to it. So yes, that's how I deal with it."

Urvashi, who was in the national capital for a fashion show where she walked as the showstopper, will next be seen in 'JNU: Jahangir National University'.

Talking about her upcoming film, she said: "I play a JNU student in the film. Actually, in real life, my father, since my school days, wanted me to attend JNU. So it's like a dream coming true, though on screen." The actress also has another film currently titled 'NBK109', starring Nandamuri Balakrishna. IANS

'I am completely heartsick and devastated'



Jennifer Lopez has canceled her 2024 North American tour, representatives for Live Nation confirmed to The Associated Press.

"Jennifer is taking time off to be with her children, family and close friends," they said in a statement. The tour was to be her first in five years, in support of her first solo album in a decade, "This Is Me.... Now" and its companion film.

The tour was scheduled to kick off on June 26 in Orlando, Florida, and conclude in Houston on August 31. Live Nation shared that attendees who purchased tickets through Ticketmaster will be automatically refunded.

Lopez offered her own statement to fans on her OntheJLo website and newsletter, writing, "I am completely heartsick and devastated about letting you down. Please know that I wouldn't do this if I didn't feel that it was absolutely necessary." She continued: "I promise I will make it up to you and we will all be together again. I love you all so much. Until next time..." "This Is Me... Now" was released early this year, 20 years after her hit album, "This Is Me... Then". Lopez said the new album was a "miracle", and "a second chance. And I'd love to capture this moment in time the way that album captured that moment in time." — AP

On a family dinner

Mom-to-be Deepika Padukone was spotted out for a family dinner and seemed radiant in a stylish black outfit.

In the visuals clicked by the shutterbugs on Friday night, the 'Piku' star could be seen exiting a restaurant with her mother Ujjala. Deepika chose to wear a black dress and accentuated her fashion game with a denim jacket. Her baby bump was quite visible in the images and videos.

On February 29, Deepika and her husband Ranveer Singh announced that they are expecting their first child. They also mentioned that the baby is due in September.

Ranveer-Deepika tied the knot on November 14, 2018, at Italy's Lake Como after dating for six long years and the duo never fails to shower love on each other on social media.

They first met on the sets of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's romantic drama film 'Goliyon Ki Rasleela Ram-Leela' and later also starred in 'Bajirao Mastani' and 'Padmaavat'.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Deepika will next be seen in 'Singham Again,' the third installment of Rohit Shetty's cop universe. Deepika steps into the role of Lady Singham with a stellar ensemble cast.Joining her are stalwarts including Ajay Devgn. —ANI